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Dear Mr. Wieber:

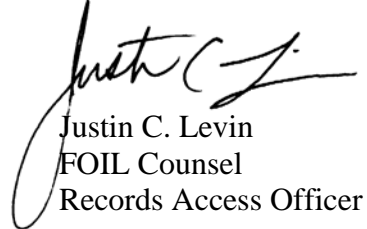
This letter responds to your correspondence dated July 12, 2012 which, pursuant to FOIL, requested:

1. any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter "drones");
2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on department use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. any departmental records concerning this department's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
  - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;
  - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
  - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
  - d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

Please be advised that the New York State Executive Chamber has conducted a diligent search, but does not possess records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may make an appeal by writing: FOIL Appeals Officer, Executive Chamber, State of New York, Albany, New York, 12224.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin C. Levin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

Justin C. Levin  
FOIL Counsel  
Records Access Officer